Clearance of irrigation projects in Orissa

2220. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of the irrigation projects of large and medium nature in Orissa which are pending with the Central Government for clearance from the Planning Commission;

(b) the number of irrigation projects of Orissa which have been cleared by the Planning Commission and the status of these projects; and

(c) the status of Ang Dam project on the river Ang in Padampur sub-division of Bargarh district of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) At present 5 major and 7 medium irrigation projects which have been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain observations are pending for investment clearance by the Planning Commission.

(b) A total of 19 projects of Orissa have been accorded investment clearance from April 1990 upto March 2004 by the Planning Commission and are under various stages of construction

(c) The Ang Dam Project of Orissa was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources for an estimated cost of Rs. 304.66 crore subject to certain observations. After the compliance of these observations, the project could then be taken up for consideration by the Planning Commission for investment clearance. Cumulative expenditure upto end of Ninth Five Year Plan is Rs. 2.42 crore. As per Annual Plan for 2002-03 and 2003-04 no outlay and expenditure have been indicated.

Construction of canal on Swan river

†2221. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a proposal of Rs. 123.93 crore relating to construction of canal on 16.67 K.M. stretch passing through Una District in Himachal Pradesh between Jhlera bridge and Santokhgarh bridge on Swan river was forwarded on 4th March, 2002 by

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Himachal Pradesh Government to the Ministry of Water Resources seeking financial assistance after getting the approval of Planning Commission alongwith the financial and administrative approval of Himachal Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and by when a final decision in this regard is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The proposal on "Swan River Flood Management and Integrated Land Development" at an estimated cost of Rs 123 93 crore envisaging construction of embankments and Spurs on both banks of Swan river in 16 67 kilometres length from Santokhgarh bridge to Jhalera bridge in Una district of Himachal Pradesh was received in the Ministry of Water Resources in January 2002 for financial assistance from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) The proposal was processed and recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs on 4 3 2002 for onward transmission to JBIC The proposal could not be shortlisted for financial year 2003 loan package of Government of Japan In view of the request of the State Government, Government of India has again recommended the proposal to JBIC for consideration under financial year 2004 loan package The assistance for project depends on the decision of the Government of Japan on selection of the project

Completion of irrigation projects

2222 SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps Government have taken for the completion of all ongoing irrigation projects on a war footing by allocation of adequate funds to the States and proper maintenance and running of the existing irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV). The allocation of funds to the States is made by the Planning Commission as plan allocations *vis-a-vis* demands of the States in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any individual sector or project Allocation to various sectors including irrigation are thereafter made by State Governments themselves Irrigation being a state subject the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed, funded and maintained by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities